

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CENTRAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. (2) LARRY CHAVEZ, Defendant.	3:22-CR-30036-RAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEFENDANT'S CHANGE OF PLEA
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The above-captioned matter came on before the Court for a change of plea hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023. Defendant, Larry Chavez, appeared in person and by his counsel, Katie Thompson, while Plaintiff, United States of America ("Government") appeared through Meghan Dilges, an Assistant United States Attorney.

Defendant consented in open court to the change of plea before the Court and his consent was knowingly and voluntarily made. The Government likewise consented to the Court taking Defendant's plea. Further, the parties waived their right to object to the report and recommendation.

Defendant has reached a plea agreement with the Government wherein he intends to plead guilty to Count 1 as contained in the Superseding Information. Defendant is charged in Count 1 of the Superseding Information with Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841 (b)(1)(c) . At the hearing, Defendant was advised of the nature of the charge to which he would plead guilty and the maximum penalty applicable, specifically: 20 years custody; 1,000,000

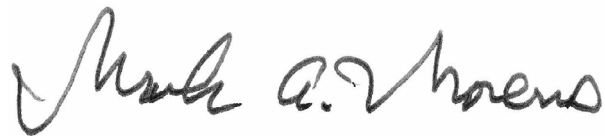
fine, or both; 3 years supervised release; 2 additional years imprisonment if supervised release is revoked on any such revocation; \$100 assessment; and restitution.

Upon questioning Defendant personally in open court, it is the finding of the Court that Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that he is aware of the nature of the charged offense and the consequences of the plea, and that his plea of guilty to the offense contained in Count 1 of the Superseding Information is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense. It is, therefore, the Court's recommendation that the guilty plea to Count 1 of the Superseding Information be accepted and that Defendant be adjudged guilty of that offense.

The Court having found, based on the findings made on the record, that exceptional reasons exist to justify Defendant's continued release and orders that Defendant shall remain released as previously ordered pending acceptance of the plea by the District Court. Thereafter, the Court recommends that Defendant be allowed to remain released pending sentencing.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Moreno", written over a horizontal line.

MARK A. MORENO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE